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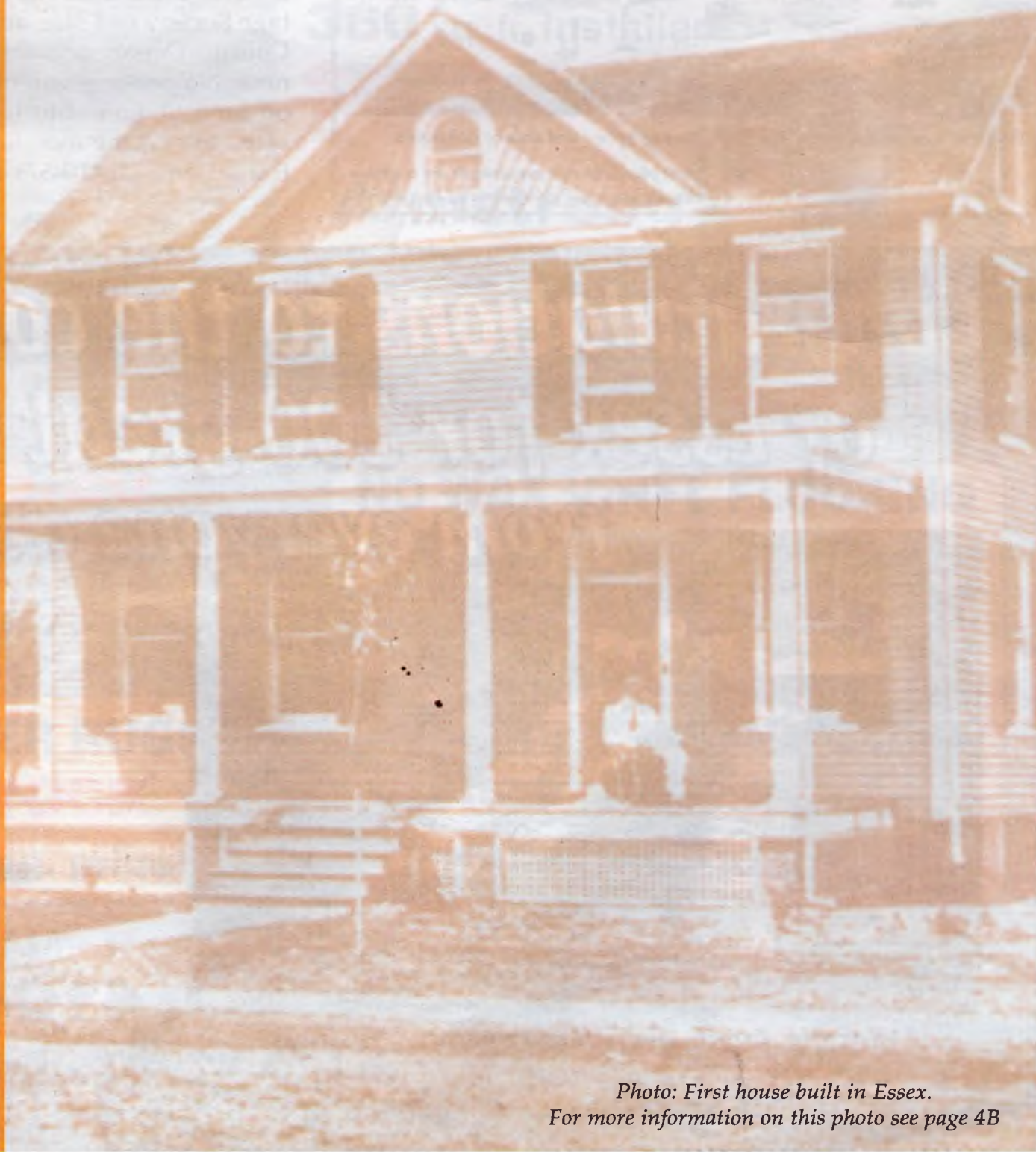


Photo: First house built in Essex.
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Happy 100th Birthday, Essex!

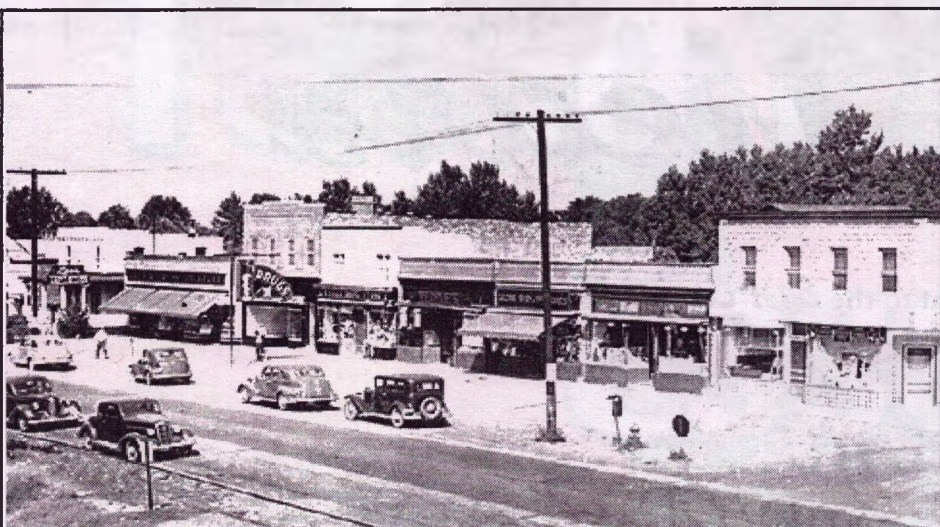


WHAT: The Essex 100th Birthday Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, June 20

TIME: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Cox's Point Park, 820 Riverside Dr. in Essex

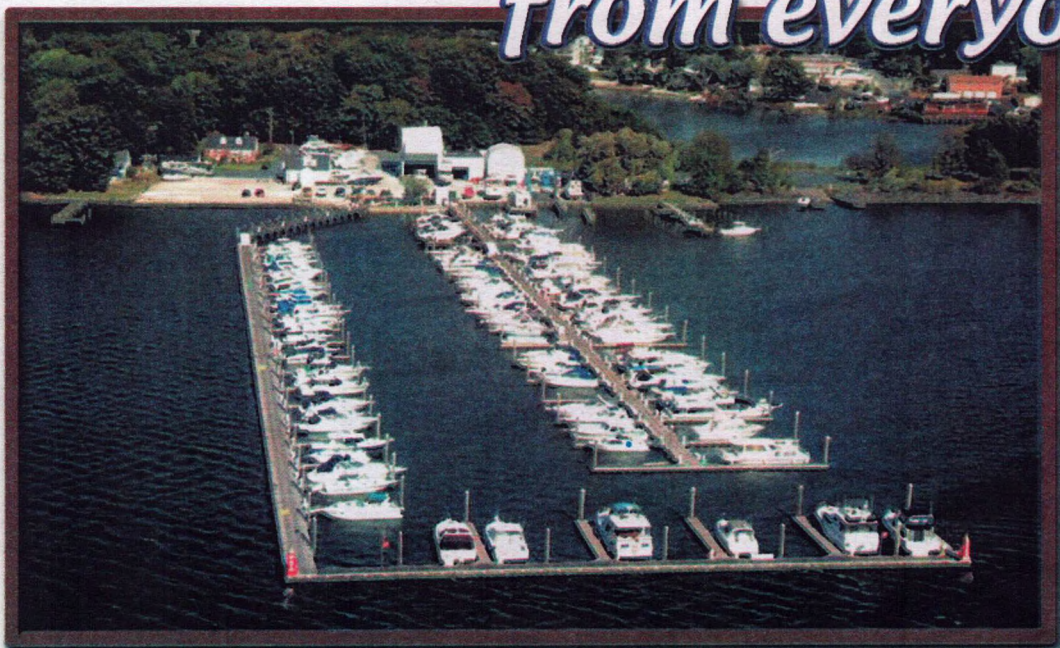


Eastern Avenue in Essex, circa 1940. Photographer and source unknown.

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Come celebrate the 100th Birthday of the town of Essex on Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Cox's Point Park. Food, entertainment, games, antique cars, arts & crafts, birthday cake, fire engines and much more. Featuring the sounds of Joey McCann, Mickey Light, Maria Rose, Don "Big Daddy Country" Cox and Synonyms for Sound. Certificates will be presented to World War II veterans and Rosie the Riveters living in the 21221 zip code. The event is sponsored by The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River and Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Please note: No parking will be available at Cox's Point Park on June 20. Free shuttle service will be provided from satellite parking lots. Rain date: June 21. For more information, call 410-574-6934 or 410-391-3689.

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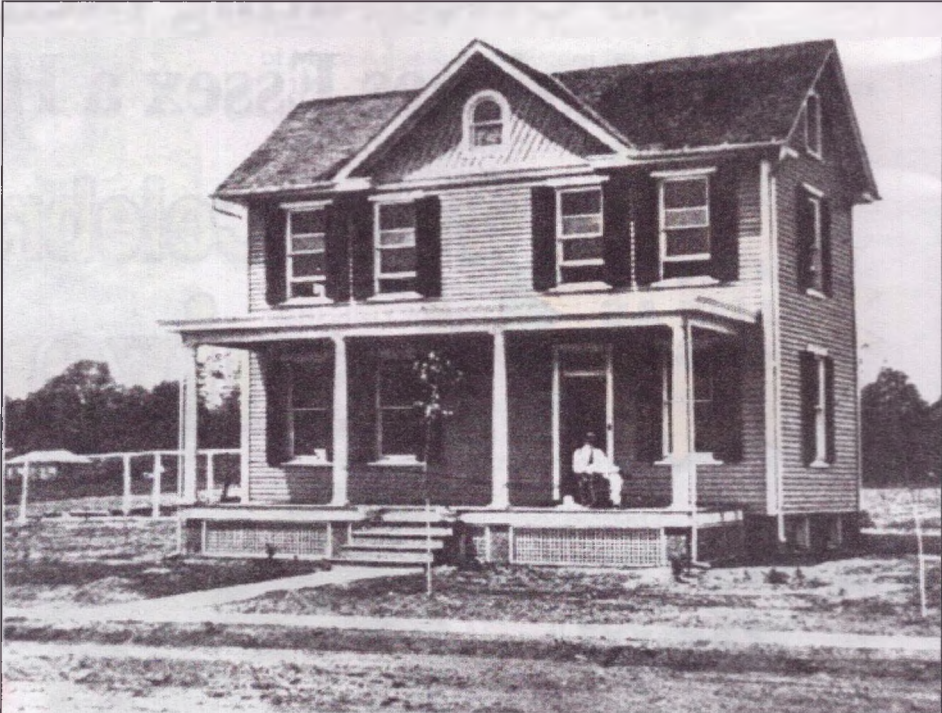
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John Schuster was the first person to build. The two-story home at Dorsey and Taylor avenues is said to be the first house in Essex.
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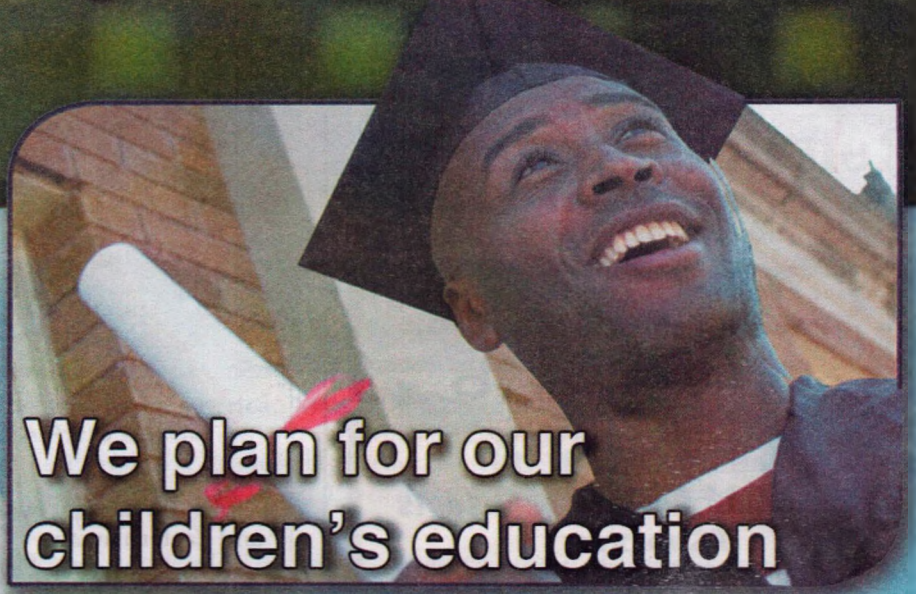
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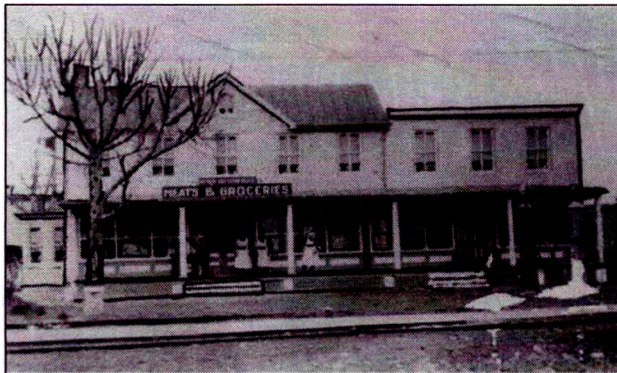
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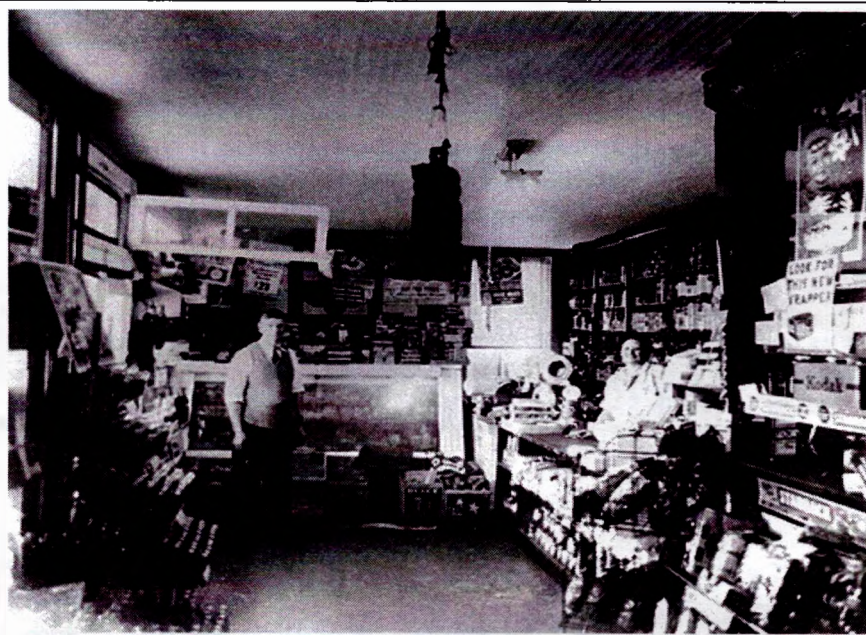


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GUTTENBERGERS - 1910

In 1910, the first business in Essex, Henry Guttenberger's General Store, opened on the corner of Mace and Eastern avenues.

Photo circa 1910, from the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River.



The interior of John and Ann Guttenberger's store, located at 400 Eastern Ave. Mr. Guttenberger is standing at left, while Mrs. Guttenberger stands behind the counter at right.

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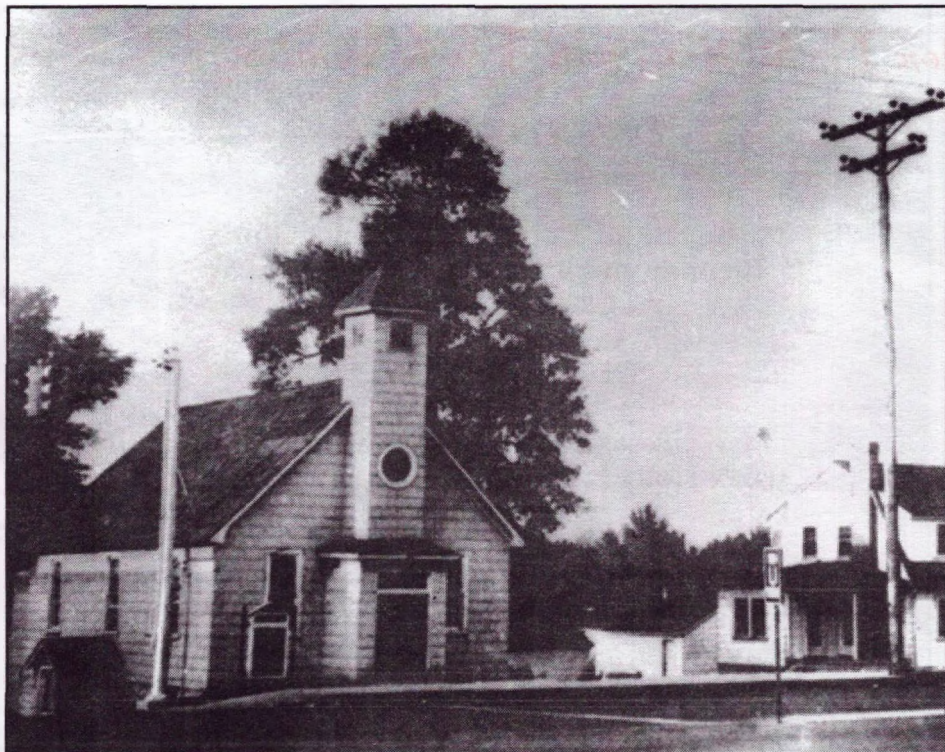
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St. Stephen's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Essex, originally a log structure, was built in the 1870s. It was the first African-American church in Essex. The original log structure was replaced in 1907 with the building seen in this picture. In 1972, the congregation built a new church at 7741 Mayfield Ave.

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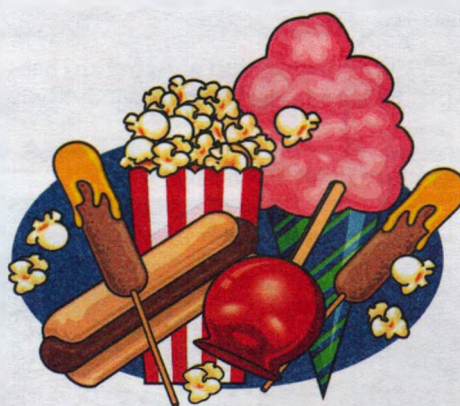
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Brennan and Brennan, Attorneys at Law
Chesapeake Photos
Country Style Crafts
Daydream Luminaries
Driftwood Art
Essex Family Moose Center
Essex-Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621
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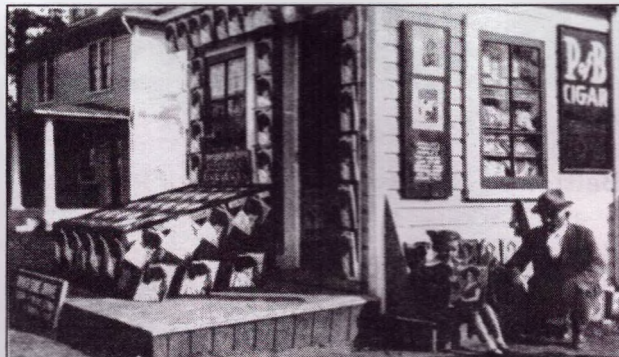


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Frederick W. Josenhan's store, located on the corner of old Eastern Avenue and Back River Neck Road, was demolished in the 1960's.

Photo dated 1913, from the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River



William R. Barber and his granddaughter Edith Wick (later Mrs. William R. Hurley Sr.) were photographed outside his cigar and news stand, located at Eastern Avenue and Riverside Drive. Barber died in 1948 at the age of 92.

Photo circa 1923, from Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River



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The first shoe repair store in Essex was attached to a residence. The structure appears to be covered in formstone, a plaster compound that creates the illusion of rock.

Photo dated 1928, from the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River



This house at 508 Eastern Ave. was later the site of the B. Bugatch store. The building on the right is Sealoreceo's garage, which burned down in 1938.

Photo dated 1920, from Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River

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Photo dated 1915, from the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River



The view from the top of the new Essex Fire Department building across Eastern Avenue to the first new houses on Margaret Avenue. Back River can be seen in the distance.

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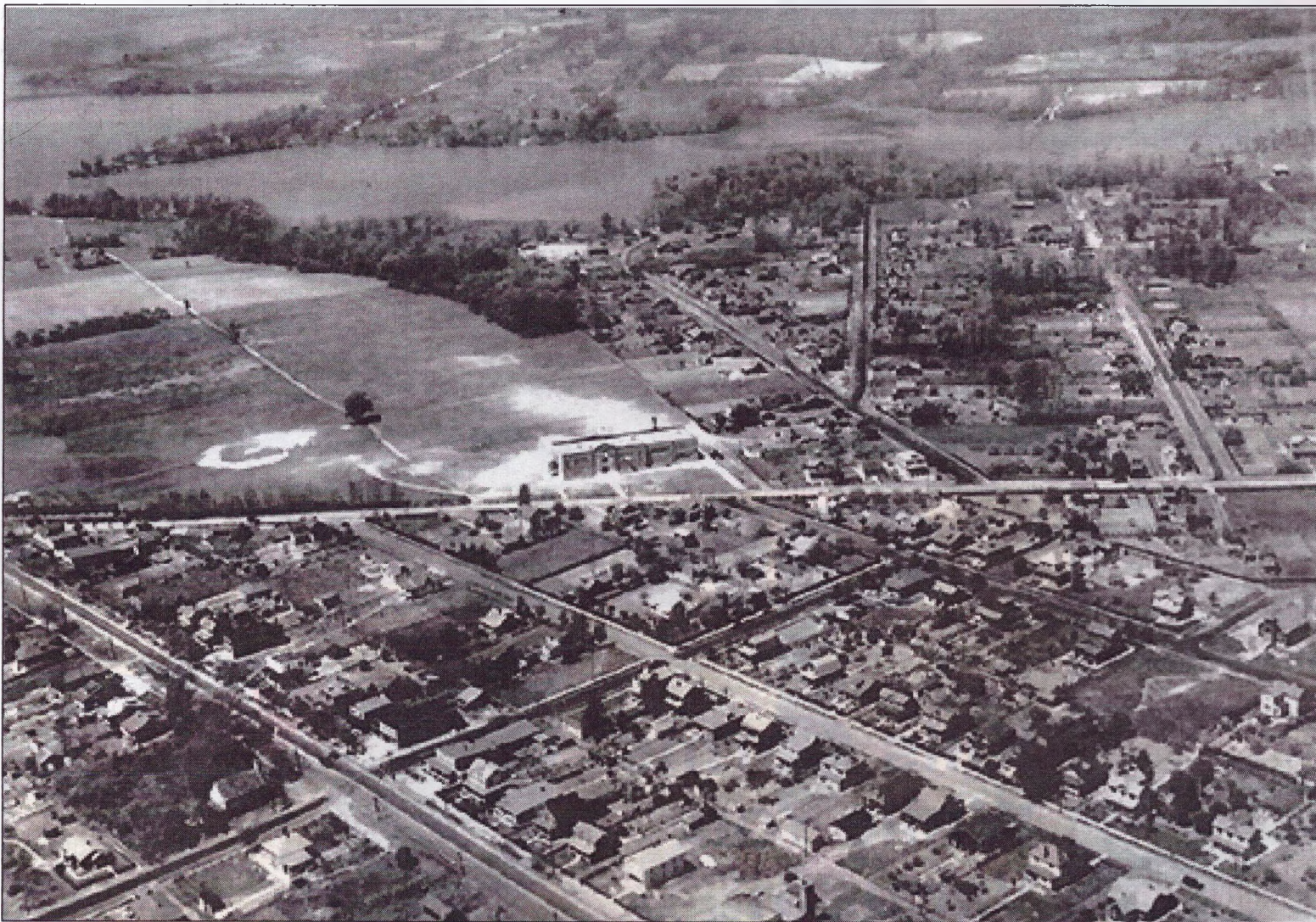
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In 1918, the school was relocated to Dorsey Avenue. The old two-room Essex Elementary School is now the site of the Essex Senior Center. It was also the site of the original Essex Community College. The school moved to its present location on Mace Avenue in 1925.

This photo shows an aerial view of Essex, with Essex Elementary School and its playing fields in the center middle distance. Adjacent roads, houses and water are clearly shown.

Photo dated 1927, from the Heritage Society of Essex & Middle River

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The teachers at Essex Elementary School. The boy in the middle is 14-year-old eighth grader Henry Ormson, who for 20 days took over the duties of the third and fourth grade teacher, Miss Morgan, when she became ill.

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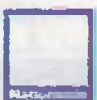
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A church and cottages at Riverside Drive and Maryland Avenue in Essex.

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A three-story frame house located at Eastern Avenue and Riverside Drive. Notice the streetcar tracks in the foreground.

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Entertainment Schedule

Main Stage

10 - 11 a.m.

Joey McCann

11 a.m. - noon

Synonyms For Sound

noon - 1 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies

Presentation of Certificates to living World War II Veterans and Rosie the Riveters

1 - 2 p.m.

Synonyms For Sound with guest appearance by Gene Vincentt at 1:30 p.m.

2 - 5 p.m.

Synonyms For Sound

5 - 6 p.m.

Mickey Light, Sounds of Sinatra

Stage II

10 - 11 a.m.

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11 a.m. - noon

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3 - 5 p.m.

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A home on Eastern Avenue, west of Oriole Avenue. The arched gateway to "Liberty Park" is seen at right.

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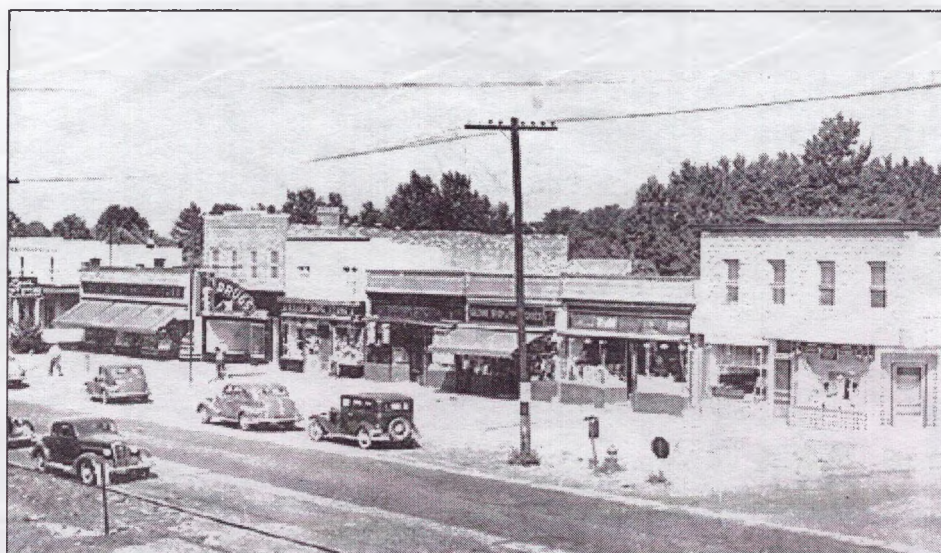


Photo shows the north side of Eastern Avenue in Essex. Among the stores whose signs may be identified are Lee's Department Store, Lee's 5 and 10, Essex Drug, People's and Globe 5 & 10.

Photo dated 1940s, from the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River

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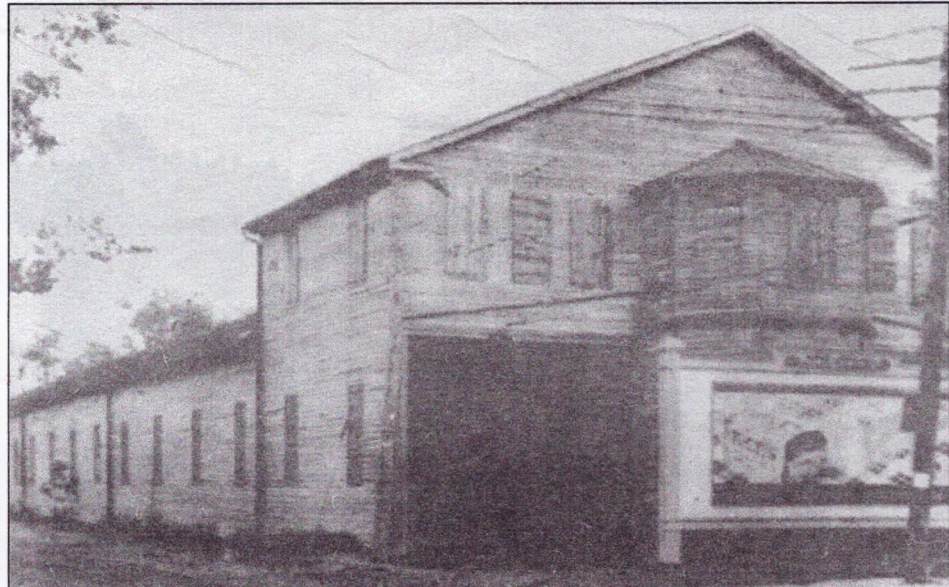
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The Essex Police and Fire Station on Eastern Avenue is seen at the end of the unpaved road now known as Margaret Avenue.
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A view of Franklin Avenue in Essex back in 1921.
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This photo shows Essex Road with a streetcar track running along the right side of the picture. A lone period car is seen parked next to the tracks.
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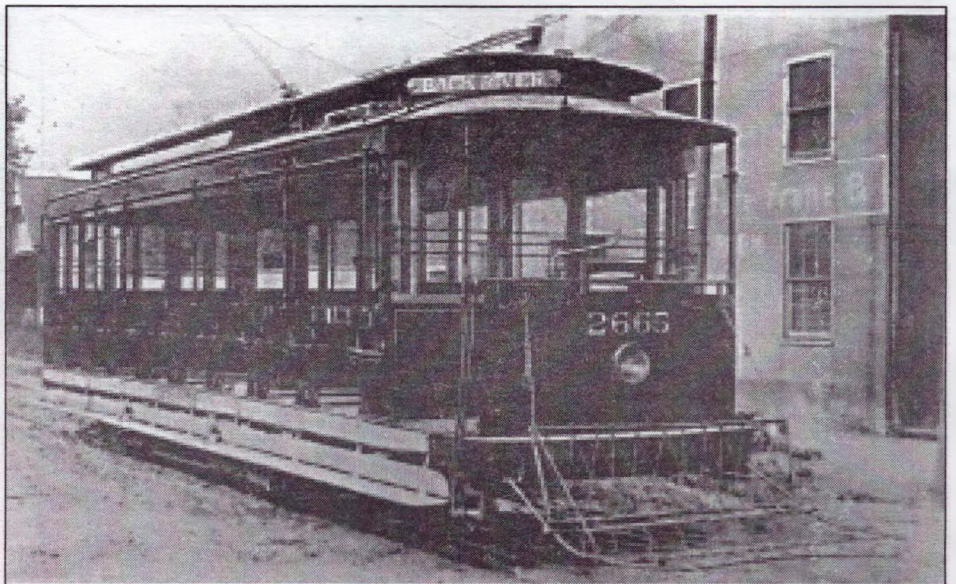
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Streetcar, pictured above. Below, a photo of Essex Elementary School.

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A view of Dorsey and Woodward avenues.

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The widening of Eastern Avenue back in 1943.
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Origin of Selected Place Names in Essex and Middle River

BACK RIVER - the back branch of the Gunpowder River

BALLESTONE MANSION is located at the Rocky Point Golf Club and is named after William Ball, who owned the property in the 1600s, and was the great-great grandfather of George Washington.

BARRISON POINT is the result of a typographical error printed in the

1898 edition of Bromley's Atlas. The original name was Balliston Point, again named after William Ball.

HART ISLAND was originally named Hooper's Island in 1659. Joseph Hart bought it in 1821 and renamed it.

LONG'S CREEK was owned by Thomas Long, who was the High Sheriff of Baltimore County. Originally called Ball's Creek, it is another place named

after William Ball.

MARS was the name of Glenn L. Martin's flying boat, giving its name to **MARS ESTATES**.

MIDDLE RIVER was the middle branch of the Gunpowder River

MILLERS ISLAND was owned by John Stansbury and was originally named Bentley's Island. The 1849 sur-

vvey of the coast was the first time it was listed as Millers Island.

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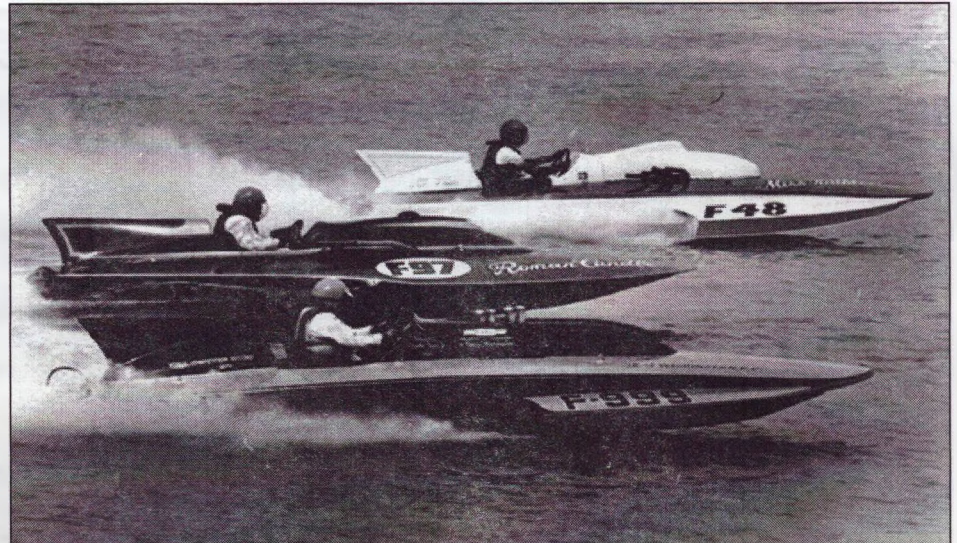
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Cigarette boats racing for the Governor's Cup at Cox's Point on Back River in Essex. This was a Labor Day weekend event.

Photo circa 1960s or 1970s, from the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Essex Demographics, According to the 2000 Census

As of the census of 2000, there were 39,078 people, 15,952 households and 10,336 families residing in the Essex area. The population density was 4,104.1 people per square mile. There were 16,997 housing units at an average density of 1,785.1/square mile. The racial makeup of was 74.56 percent White, 20.98 percent African American, 0.55 percent Native American, 1.17 percent Asian, 0.05 percent Pacific Islander, 0.82 percent from other races, and 1.87

percent from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race was 2.26 percent of the population.

There were 15,952 households, out of which 31.8 percent had children under the age of 18 living with them, 40.8 percent were married couples living together, 18.2 percent had a female householder with no husband present, and 35.2 percent were non-families. 29.3 percent of all households were made up of individuals and 10.4 percent had some-

one living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.45 and the average family size was 3.00.

The population was spread out with 26.1 percent under the age of 18, 8.9 percent from 18 to 24, 30.5 percent from 25 to 44, 21.7 percent from 45 to 64, and 12.8 percent who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 36 years. For every 100 females there were 93.1 males. For every 100 females age 18 and

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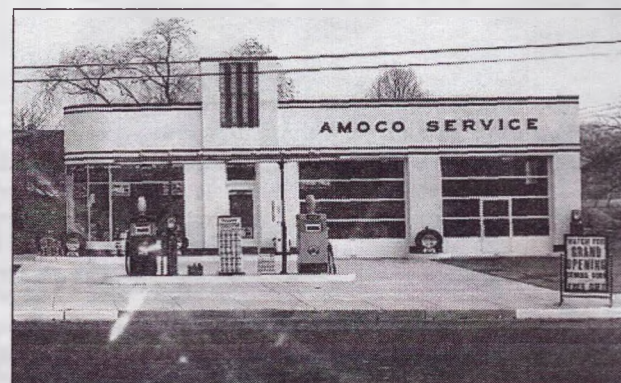
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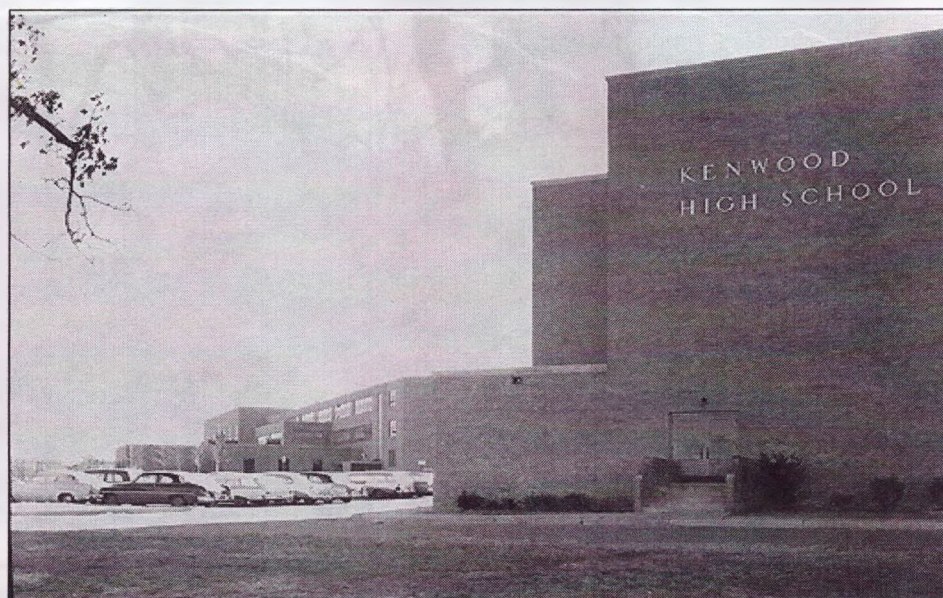
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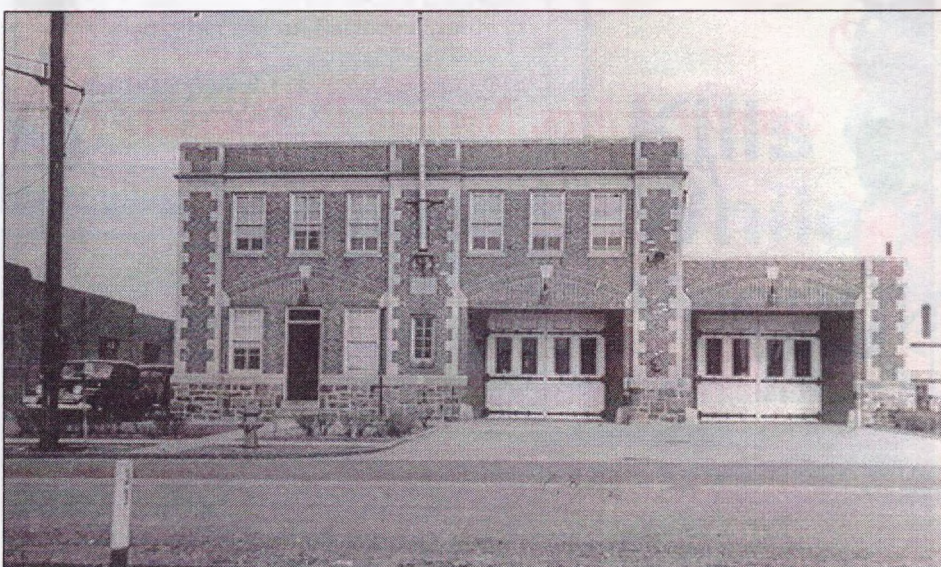
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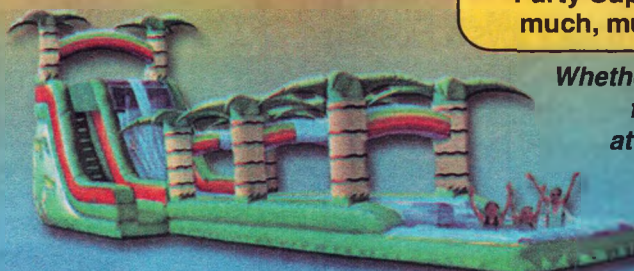
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The rear of The Echoes, the Essex home of Dr. Charles R. Mace.
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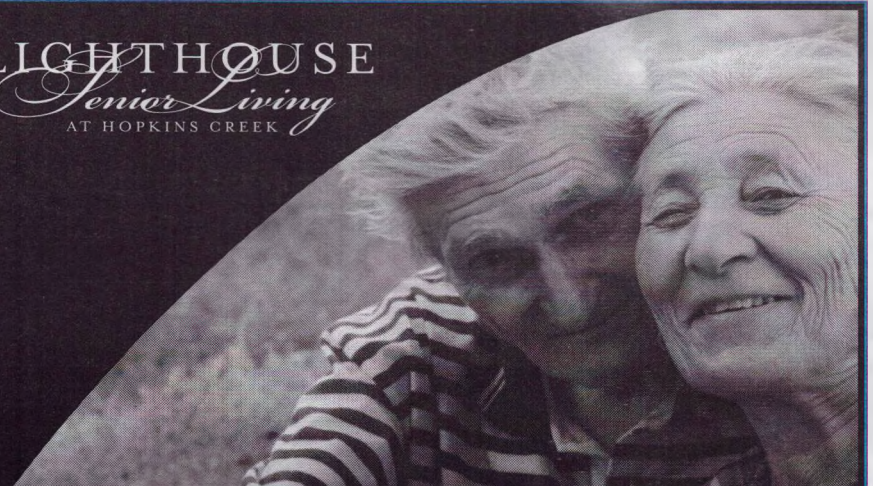
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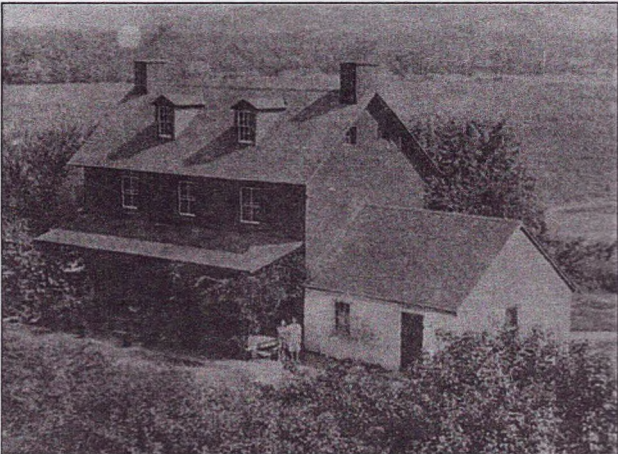
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Photo dated 1976, from the Baltimore County Office of Communications



This is the Somogyi's Farmhouse in Essex, a structure built in the 18th Century. Fields surround the two-story house with attic gables.
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- ◆ Originally, Essex was 10 blocks, running from Mace Avenue to Marlyn Avenue.
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church at 1701 Eastern Ave. The top photo is dated 1907, by Linda Martinak. The bottom photo is dated 1961, photographer Blakeslee-Lane Studio, source George Blakeslee.



Connelly Funeral Home on Mace Avenue in Essex provided this photo showing where "J.G. Connelly, Undertaker" originally opened at 418 Eastern Blvd.



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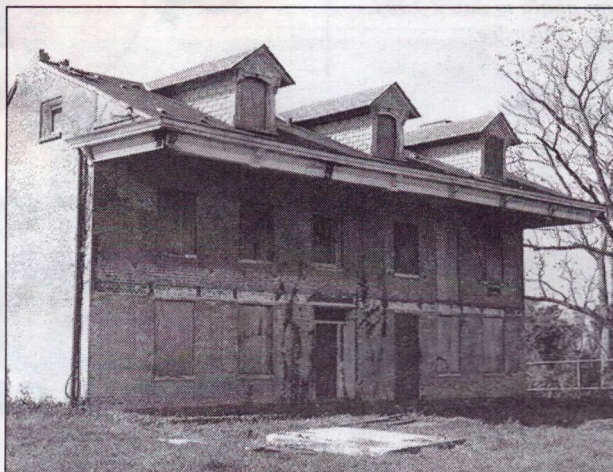
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Ballestone Mansion is now part of Rocky Point Park in Essex. This view is of the front and side of the building prior to its restoration as a historic landmark.

Photo circa 1976 by photographer G. W. Fielding

Maria Rose/Danny Elswick Perform for Essex 100th Anniversary Celebration

They've traveled the world with the USO to entertain our Armed Forces, released 11 CDs and a DVD, can be seen frequently on RFD-TV's "Midwest Country" show, and on Saturday, June 20, MARIA ROSE & DANNY ELSWICK will be performing at 11 a.m. on the Main Stage at the 100th Anniversary Celebration for Essex.

Many of you know Maria as the local entertainer who charted the entire East Coast with her song "Can We Still Be Friends." When her band, the "Travelers," and "Memories" combined in March 1981, that was the start of the popular "Middle River Band" who appeared frequently at the Club Snafu. Maria sang with several other groups including "Free & Easy," "Freeway Express," and "Blue Horizon." Always one to love working with the military, she auditioned from groups nationwide to travel for the USO, was finally accepted and completed 11 overseas tours for our troops. With her ongoing efforts to bring about an awareness of the talents of physically and mentally challenged persons, Maria received the prestigious "Presidential Point of Light" Award.

Danny Elswick played guitar for numerous groups including "Dean and the Poor Boys" and "The Gamblers," and in combining their talents, Danny also completed the USO tours with Maria. Danny is the exclusive sound behind the duo's music, recording each instrument track-by-track, and they both record all the backup harmonies. What you hear in person is a combination of their talents, imaginations and efforts, all done at their own recording studio.

With a summer full of travels to Vermont, Minnesota and Indiana, Maria and Danny have also been invited to be guest performers at the "God & Country" theatre in Branson, Missouri. Norma Jean, (formerly of the Porter Wagoner show), saw Maria and Danny on "Midwest Country" and invited them to come to Branson and be on the show that she has now hosted for many years.

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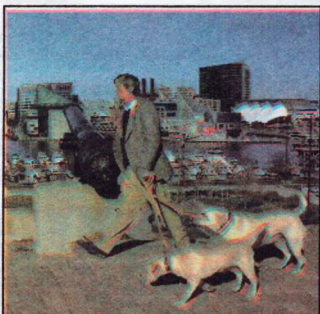
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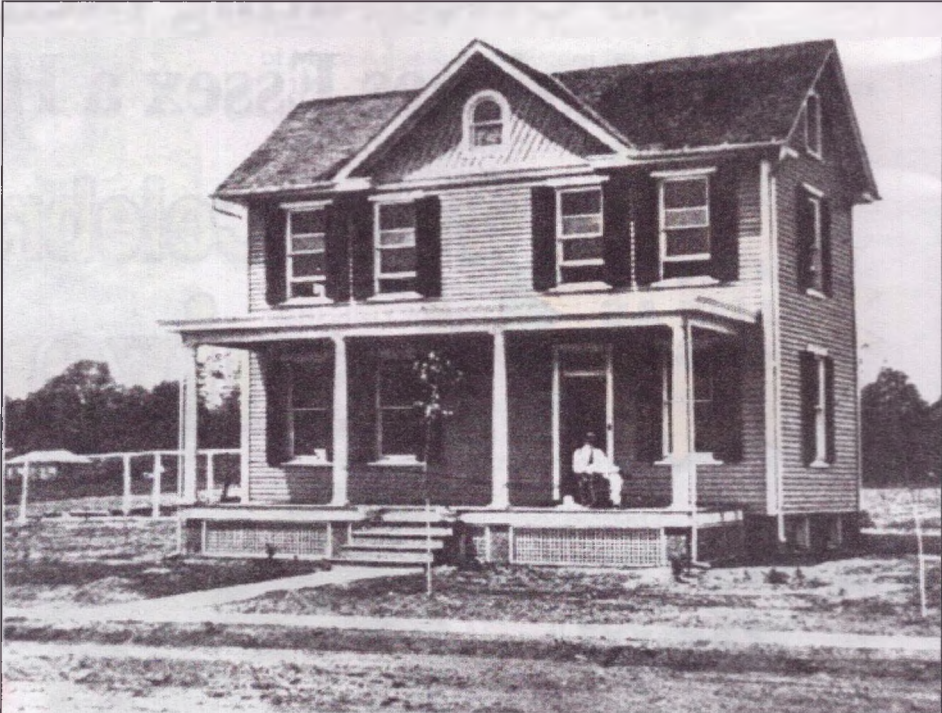
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John Schuster was the first person to build. The two-story home at Dorsey and Taylor avenues is said to be the first house in Essex.

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For more information about Big Daddy Country, visit www.myspace.com/Bigdaddycountry.



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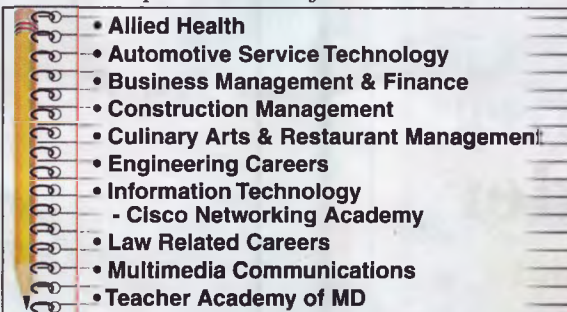
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A Timeline of Essex

- by Paul Blitz, Historian of the Essex Middle River Heritage Society -

early 1800s - "Paradise Farm" owned by Elijah Taylor
mid-1800s - Tutchton family rented Paradise Farm
June 1909 - Taylor Land Company began dividing the farm into lots and called the area "Essex." Lots were 50x145 feet and started at \$100.

1910 - The first business in Essex, Henry Guttenberger's General Store, opened on the corner of Mace Avenue and Eastern Boulevard

1911 - The first house in Essex, "Schuster House," was located at the corner of Dorsey and Taylor avenues

1913 - The first school, Essex School, opened in 1913. It was on Dorsey Avenue (what is now the Essex Senior Center) and moved to its present location on Mace Avenue in 1925.

1913 - Taylor Land Company donated land for the creation of St. John Lutheran Church and Essex United Methodist Church

1915 - Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company started at 518 Eastern Blvd.

1920 - The volunteer fire company moved next door when the paid Essex Fire and Police Department was built. This location is now the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River.

1921 - Hollywood Park burned to the ground

1929 - Glenn L. Martin Company opened in Middle River

1933 - Hurricane discontinued streetcar service

1940 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited Middle River and drove down Eastern Boulevard

1948 - Essex World War II monument dedicated during World War II. More than 50,000 people worked at the Glenn L. Martin Company in Middle River.

1948 - Essex-Middle River Chamber of Commerce began

Middlesex Shopping Center opened

1957 - On Aug. 3 & 4, a fire destroyed the 400- and 500-blocks of Eastern Boulevard in Essex

1968 - The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River was founded by Alex Baumgartner

1968 - Essex Community College moved to its present campus on Rossville Boulevard

1975 - Super Sunday, grandfather of Essex Day Festival, was held

1970s - Essex Revitalization began

Essex Development Corporation (EDCO) established

1975 - Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River opened its doors at the old fire/police station

1976 - Highway Theatre closed

1974-1977 - Essex-Middle River Bicentennial Committee is formed and organizes its efforts to preserve/restore Ballestone Manor, which opened in June 1977, under the leadership of Eleanor Ramaka. Ballestone Preservation Society is formed.

1985 - Korean/Vietnam Monument dedicated

1986 - Bauernschmidt Manor saved from demolition

1988 - Dedication ceremony and open house for Bauernschmidt Manor

1993 - Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River celebrates its 25th Anniversary

1999 - Essex celebrates its 90th Anniversary

2008 - Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River celebrates its 40th Anniversary

2009 - Essex celebrates its 100th Anniversary

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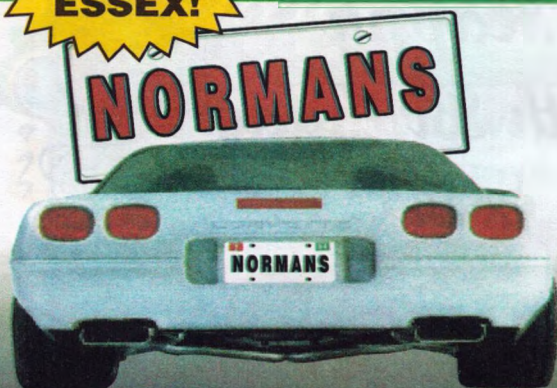
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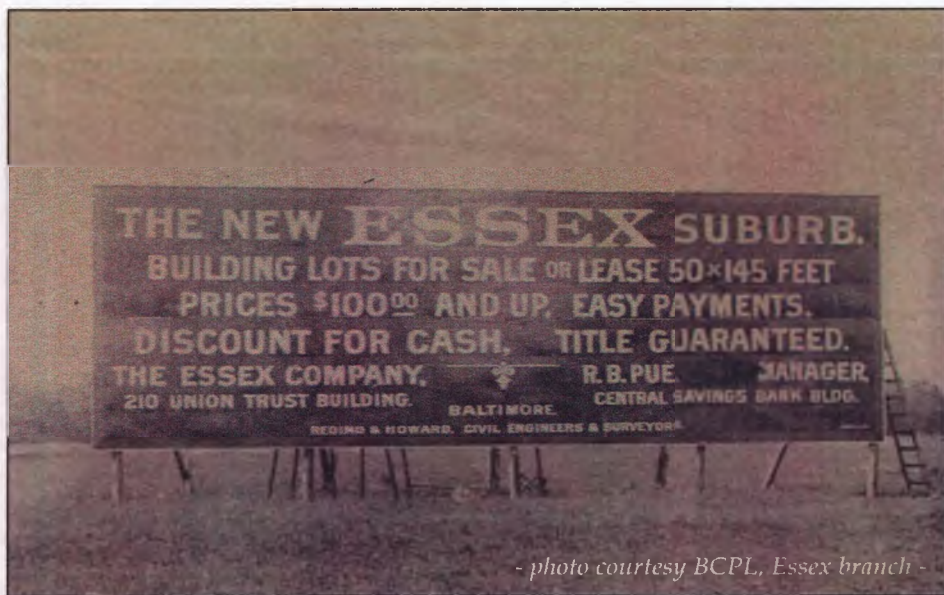
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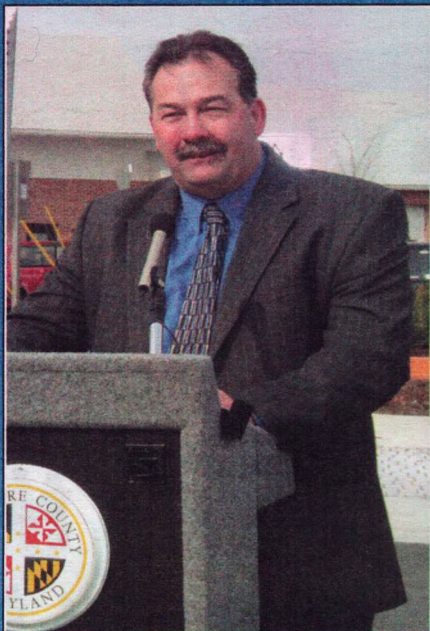
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